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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-12 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 May 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's arguments, see remark, filed 5/8/2006, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-9 under Johnson have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Brandenburg.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brandenburg (US 3,732,934).

With regard to claim 1, the reference of Brandenburg discloses a control device (work control device, abstract) comprising a pressure regulator comprising a valve (62 check valve), and configured to limit a maximum pressure provided to the motor (10); a torque limiting timing device (restrictor 56) comprising at least one valve (28), configured and capable of shutting-off fluid flow to a motor (10) at a predetermined time by restricting the air flow to the motor (see col. 4, line 56), and in fluid communication with a pressure regulator (62 check valve); a reservoir (58) in fluid communication with the pressure regulator (62 check valve); and a valve (40) which adjusts the reservoir thereby controlling the pressure and the timing device (restrictor).

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The reference of Brandenburg teaches a work control mechanism as shown in Figure 1 including a torque limiting timing device (col. 4, line 31) being in fluid communication with a pressure regulator (valve 28) for turning off fluid supply to the motor.

With regard to claim 2, the timing of the control device of Brandenburg includes user adjustable. See (manual restrictor 23).

With regard to claim 3, the control device of Brandenburg is capable of controlling a predetermined fixed time (see col. 1, lines 47-49).

With regard to claim 4, the pressure regulator of the control device of Brandenburg includes a valve (62).

With regard to claim 5, the torque limiting timing device of the control device of Brandenburg includes a shut-off valve (28).

With regard to claim 6, the control device of Brandenburg is releasably attachable to a tool (see Fig. 2).

With regard to claims 7 and 8, the control device of Brandenburg is modular and integral with the tool. See (col. 1, lines 19-21)

With regard to claim 9, the control device of Brandenburg is capable of being remote from the tool.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-9 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Conclusion

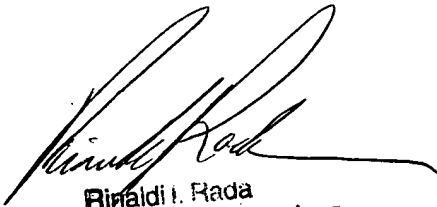
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathaniel C. Chukwurah whose telephone number is (571) 272-4457. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:00AM-2:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi Rada can be reached on (571) 272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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